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# Google Nest speakers are one step closer to replacing your Sonos system

All those free Nest Minis are coming in handy.

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## What you need to know

- **Google is making it more convenient to own multiple Nest speakers.**
- **A new update rolling out today will offer more powerful multi-room audio.**
- **Nest Hubs and other Google Assistant smart-displays will get the new multi-room control today, while the Google Home app will get it in a fall update.**

Google is updating Nest smart home devices with more powerful and dynamic multi-room support. Previously, users could pair [Nest devices for stereo audio](#) or manually create a multi-room speaker home grouping. Going forward, it'll be able to be done dynamically. If you have a Google Assistant-powered smart display like the Nest Hub, you'll be able to tap the icon at the bottom of the screen to open up the multi-room control interface and add/remove devices as you move through your home.



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Here's how [Google suggests users](#) can use the new capabilities:

“ **Move music from one room to another:** Stream transfer lets you easily move music, videos, podcasts, and more between compatible devices in your home using your voice, the Google Home app, or the touchscreen on your Nest smart display.

**Experience stereo sound:** Stereo pair two Nest Mini or Google Home Max devices in the Google Home app for room-filling sound and even more immersive left and right channel separation.

**Get new music recommendations:** YouTube Music and Spotify Premium subscribers can ask, "Hey Google, recommend some music" and Google Assistant will offer multiple choices from artists and genres that they like, and others like them to choose from.

The new multi-room interface will roll out to Google Nest Hub devices today as well as other Assistant-enabled smart displays. An update to the Google Home app in the fall will let Android phones, tablets, and Play Store-compatible Chromebooks control them.



### Google Nest Hub Max

The Nest Hub Max remains one of Google's nicest smart home devices. With a nice roomy display and great sound, it's a decent addition to your living room.

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#### From the Editor's Desk

Google's giving up too much ground in the smart home fight

We're in the thick of our fall launches, but after the tidal wave of new products from Amazon last week, Google's Launch Night In looks like it'll barely make a splash. That's not good, because Alexa and Ring are rapidly gaining on Assistant and Nest.

#### Au clair de la lune

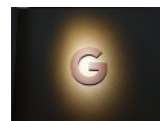
Luna is both a safe bet and Amazon's best idea in years

Is "rolling your own" Netflix-style game library what we really want? Amazon thinks so.

#### Now we're getting somewhere

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**fuzzylumpkin**

I hardly think so.

Tue Aug 18, 2020 3:28pm

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**pgg101**

Sonos has been dead for a few years now in my house. I unplugged my Sonos shortly after I started getting Google Home speakers throughout my house.

Tue Aug 18, 2020 3:46pm

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**rob damiani**

I am sorry for your loss

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**real0395**

I think Sonos is very overpriced, but are the Google speakers better quality than the Sonos?

Tue Aug 18, 2020 7:29pm

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**medianemesis**

Seeing as Google Nest speakers do not have the audio quality of the Sonos speakers (except maybe the Max), they have nothing close to the integration with roughly 70+ music services like Sonos has, and the Google Home app is nowhere as fluid as the S2 app regarding media playback/controls on multiple devices simultaneously, I daresay Google has a long way to go.

Even YouTube and podcasts streams cast to the Google Home still drop out and sometimes resume on the phone, so no...

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**Lone Wolf2**

Yeah, right. For all those lovers of transistor radio quality sound, great news.

Wed Aug 19, 2020 10:49am

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**RSage67**

There are a few of us who will never buy into Google/Nest.

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